

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 1-26 are pending, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 14, 22, 24 and 26 having been amended.

**Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 9-19, 22, 24 and 26**

On page 2 of the non-Final Office Action of December 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9-19, 22, 24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,418,411 to Gong in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,864,810 to Digalakis et al. ("Digalakis") and further in view of U.S Patent No. 6,289,309 to deVries. Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 14 obviate the rejection.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to a method of dynamic re-configurable speech recognition. The method includes, among other things, determining an identity of a speaker based, at least in part, on a user identifier, where the user identifier is one of a unique code entered at a beginning of a usage session, a telephone number, a terminal identifier, or an identifier based on a plurality of rules associated with a phone.

Gong, at col. 3, lines 17-20, discloses collecting statistics from transcribed adaptation data and calculating a linear-regression based transformation of mean vectors of speaker independent models for each test speaker. However, Gong fails to disclose or suggest determining an identity of a speaker based, at least in part, on a user identifier, where the user identifier is one of a unique code entered at a beginning of a usage session, a telephone number, a terminal identifier, or an identifier based on a plurality of rules associated with a phone, as required by amended claim 1.

Applicants submit that Digalakis and deVries fail to satisfy the deficiencies of Gong. Therefore, Applicants submit that Gong, Digalakis and deVries fail to disclose or suggest,

either separately or in any combination, determining an identity of a speaker based, at least in part, on a user identifier, where the user identifier is one of a unique code entered at a beginning of a usage session, a telephone number, a terminal identifier, or an identifier based on a plurality of rules associated with a phone, as required by amended claim 1. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Amended independent claims 5, 9, 13 and 14 recite a feature similar to the previously-discussed feature of claim 1 and are patentable over Gong, Digalakis and deVries for at least reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 5, 9, 13 and 14 be withdrawn.

Claims 10-12 depend from claim 9 and are patentable over the cited references for at least reasons similar to those provided with respect to claim 9. Claims 15 and 22 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over the cited references for at least reasons similar to those provided with respect to claim 1. Claims 16 and 24 depend from claim 5 and are patentable over the cited references for at least reasons similar to those provided with respect to claim 5. Claim 17 depends from claim 13 and is patentable over the cited references for at least reasons similar to those provided with respect to claim 13. Claims 18, 19 and 26 depend from claim 14 and are patentable over the cited references for at least reasons similar to those provided with respect to claim 14. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10-12, 15-19, 22, 24 and 26 be withdrawn.

#### **Rejection of Claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 20**

On page 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gong, Digalakis, and deVries and further in view of published U.S. Patent Application, Publication No. 2002/0052742 to Thrasher et al. ("Thrasher"). Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 5 and 14 obviate the rejection.

Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1, either directly or as a base claim, which is patentable over Gong, Digalakis and deVries for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 1. Applicants submit that Thrasher fails to satisfy the deficiencies of Gong, Digalakis and deVries. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2 and 4 be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 8 and 20 depend from either claim 5 or claim 14, as a base claim, and are patentable over Gong, Digalakis and deVries for either the reasons provided with respect to claim 5 or the reasons provided with respect to claim 14. Applicants submit that Thrasher fails to satisfy the deficiencies of Gong, Digalakis and deVries. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 6, 8 and 20 be withdrawn.

#### **Rejection of Claims 3 and 7**

On page 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gong, Digalakis, deVries and Thrasher, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,712,957 to Waibel et al. ("Waibel"). Applicants submit that amended claims 1 and 5 obviate the rejection.

Claims 3 and 7 depend from claims 1 and 5, respectively, as base claims, and are patentable over Gong, Digalakis and deVries for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 1. Applicants submit that Thrasher and Waibel fail to satisfy the deficiencies of Gong, Digalakis and deVries. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3 and 7 be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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